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Transmitted herewith for filing is the Utility patent application of:

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FOR: **SIGNAL PROCESSING CIRCUIT**

Enclosed are:

- ☒ 7 sheets of ☐ formal ☐ informal drawings.
- ☒ A Notice of Priority in order to claim priority date of December 3, 1998.
- ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement with PTO Form 1449.
- ☒ The International Search Report.
- ☒ An assignment of the invention to Hitachi, Ltd.
- ☒ A preliminary amendment
- ☒ An Executed Declaration

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